



Regional Governance Team Quarterly Activity Report

King County Office of
Regional Policy and Planning

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Governance Projects

The Regional Governance Team manages or coordinates County participation in a variety of governance studies, annexation negotiations and financial analyses related to the implementation of the Growth Management Act.

AUBURN'S LEA HILL ANNEXATION AREA STUDY

Auburn's Lea Hill Annexation area study was placed on hold during the late summer due to an illness with the contractor. Auburn has recently hired a new contractor and has restarted the study process.

FEDERAL WAY ANNEXATION STUDY

Federal Way issued a request for proposals (RFP) in August and hired the consulting firm of Bucher Willis & Ratliff to conduct the study. Federal Way will be concurrently preparing an annexation study and a fiscal impact study. County departments will assemble data for the study during the months of December, January and February.

Interlocal Agreements

The Team, in collaboration with affected County Departments, negotiates agreements with Cities for property transfers, contract services, and other issues essential to the smooth transition of governance activities.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND FIRE CODE SERVICE AGREEMENTS

The Office of Regional Policy and Planning has continued to assist the Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES) in the completion of Interlocal Agreements with Cities and Utility Districts. Six agreements have been completed with the county rendering Hazardous Material services to North Highline, Kent, Redmond, Maple Valley, Woodinville and Fire District 40. The cities of Kenmore and Issaquah have entered into Fire Code agreements

Annexations

Team staff members review all annexation and incorporation notices filed with the Boundary Review Board for King County, coordinate Department comments, testify at public hearings and work closely with BRB and City staff to resolve issues and problems arising from a transition in governance.

RENTON ANNEXATIONS

The city of Renton continues to annex portions of its PAA. Recently the city has annexed two small areas. The first of these, referred to as the **Lee Annexation** area, contained 12 acres and a population of approximately 12 residents. The Lee Annexation became effective on October 24, 2001. The second annexation called the **Piele Annexation** contained 20 acres and a population of 57. This annexation was effective on December 5, 2001. The city has also submitted intent to annex 2 areas to the north east of the city. The first, The **Vuong Annexation** is an area of 2 acres with a

population of 2 and the second is an area of 27 acres and a population of 127, known as **Honey Crest East**. These annexations are currently under review by the BRB.

Woodinville Annexation

In November, the City of Woodinville completed an annexation of 5 acres with a population of 12, south of the city. This area was referred to as the **Heck Annexation** Area.

Providence Point Annexation

The city of Issaquah filed an intent to annex the **Providence Point/Hans Jensen** (a large unincorporated island) area located to the north of the city, neighboring the city of Sammamish. The annexation area comprises over 414 acres with an estimated population of 1,435. The city of Sammamish filed a request to hold a public meeting regarding the annexation proposal. In response, the Boundary Review Board held a public hearing on January 15, 2002 at Providence Point. Sammamish asked the Board to hold off on any annexation proposals in the area until the City completes its first comprehensive plan sometime in 2003. The Board ultimately determined that since the entire annexation area is currently within Issaquah's potential annexation area, it should in accordance with County annexation policy and state law, go in its entirety to the City of Issaquah. Although the Board has made its decision, the voters of the annexation area will have the final say when they vote on the proposal in May 2002. On a related note, the Klahanie area is currently discussing the possibility of annexing to the city of Sammamish. Annexation of Klahanie would remove a sizable unincorporated island from the County. It currently has a population of approximately 10,000 people.

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